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Addendum

Outcome of the meeting on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet

Executive summary

In its resolution (A/RES/66/184) on information and communications technologies for development, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to include information on the outcome of the meeting on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. This report has been prepared in response to this request. It should be read in conjunction with the Report of the Secretary-General on Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (A/67/66-E/2012/49).

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In its resolution (A/RES/66/184) on information and communications technologies for development, the General Assembly invited the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) to convene a one-day open, inclusive and interactive meeting, involving all Member States and other stakeholders, particularly those from developing countries, including the private sector, civil society and international organizations, with a view to identifying a shared understanding about enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, in accordance with paragraphs 34 and 35 of the Tunis Agenda.

The General Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to include information on the outcome of the meeting when preparing his report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to resolution A/RES/66/184, as part of his annual reporting on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels.

Pursuant to the request of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Commission convened one-day open consultations on 18 May 2012, prior to the fifteenth session of the Commission (21–25 May 2012). At the third meeting on 22 May 2012, the Chair reported on the consultations to the Commission.

The Commission took note of the open consultations and recommended that the Economic and Social Council "... forward the report of the Chair of the CSTD, for information purposes, on the outcome of the meeting to the sixty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly, while noting that there is no consensus on the accuracy and balance on how the views expressed in the meeting are reflected in the report".

The report of the Chair of the Commission is contained in a conference room paper (E/CN.16/2012/CRP.2) available at:
http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ecn162012crp2_en.pdf.